

Optometry Board of Australia Registrant Data

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Introduction

The role of the Optometry Board of Australia (the Board) include:

- registering optometrists and students
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the optometry profession
- handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
- overseeing the assessment of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia, and
- approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

The Board's functions are supported by the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency \(AHPRA\)](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx). For information about legislation governing our operations see [About AHPRA](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx) at <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx>.

The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board shares these breakdowns regularly.

For more information on optometry registration, please see the Board's website: <http://www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx>

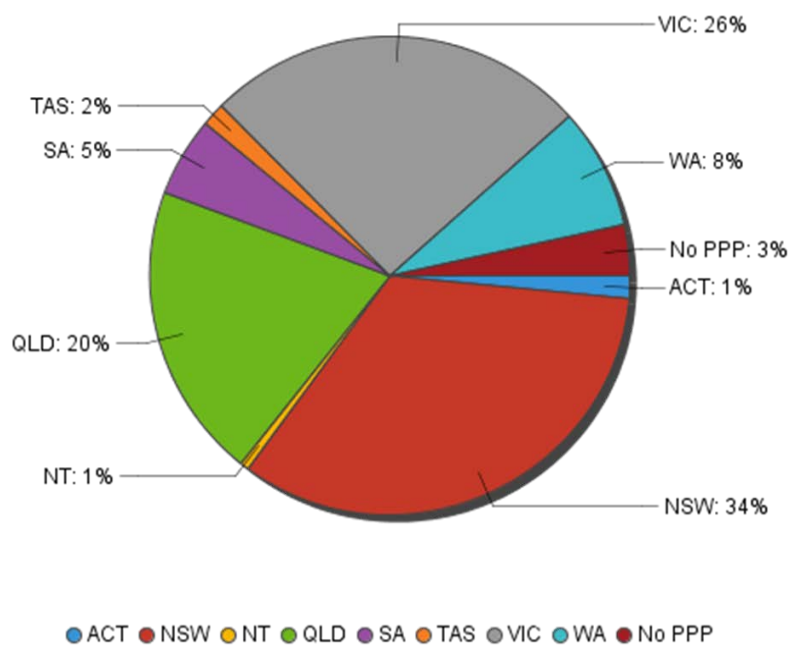
Principal Place of Practice

Registration Type

Table 1.1 Registration Type by Principal Place of Practice

Registration Type	Registration Sub-type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		73	1,676	29	1,002	272	81	1,285	407	116	4,941
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				1						1
	Teaching or research		3								3
Non-practising		2	43	1	17	1	1	35	10	59	169
Total		75	1,722	30	1,020	273	82	1,320	417	175	5,114

Table 1.2 Registration Type by Principal Place of Practice Percentages



Endorsements

Table 2.1 Endorsements

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines	31	548	19	444	149	55	821	188	26	2,281
% of general registrants who are endorsed	42%	33%	66%	44%	55%	68%	64%	46%	22%	46%

Table 2.2 Endorsements by Age Group

Age Group	Scheduled Medicines	% of General Registrants
U - 25	291	99%
25 - 29	648	85%
30 - 34	375	55%
35 - 39	256	41%
40 - 44	216	36%
45 - 49	175	29%
50 - 54	118	27%
55 - 59	118	23%
60 - 64	60	21%
65 - 69	22	26%
70 - 74	2	5%
Total	2,281	46%

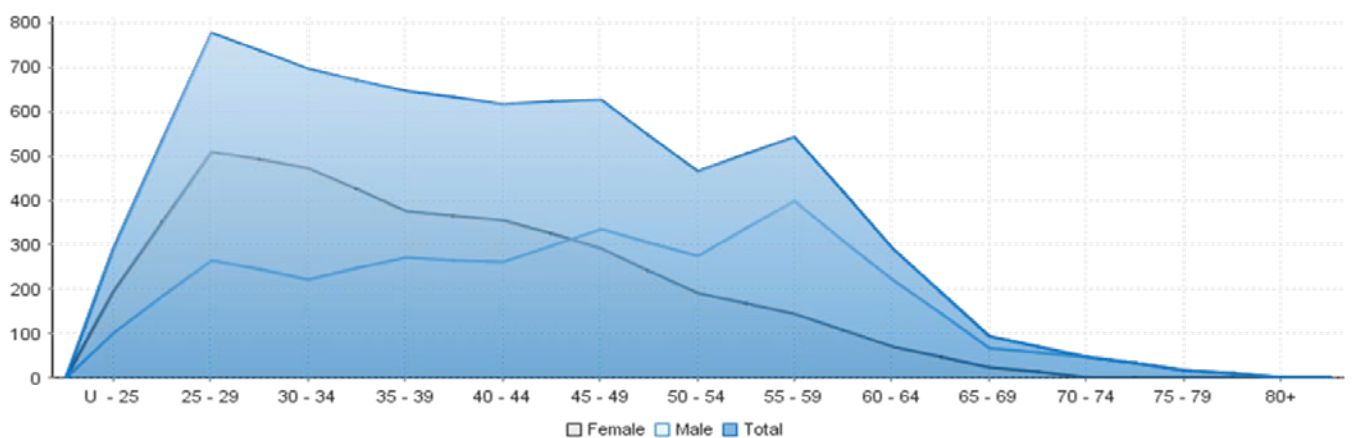
Age Group

Registration Type and Sub type

Table 3.1 Registrants by Age Group

Age Group	General	Limited		Non-practising	Total
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research		
U - 25	293				293
25 - 29	759		2	15	776
30 - 34	676		1	19	696
35 - 39	626	1		18	645
40 - 44	592			25	617
45 - 49	605			21	626
50 - 54	442			24	466
55 - 59	523			19	542
60 - 64	281			11	292
65 - 69	84			9	93
70 - 74	43			5	48
75 - 79	17			2	19
80+				1	1
Total	4,941	1	3	169	5,114

Table 3.2 Registrants by Age Group



Gender

Registration Type

Table 4.1 Gender by state and territory by registration type

Gender	Registration Type	Sub Type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	General		41	910	14	502	120	24	686	180	58	2,535
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				1						1
		Teaching or Research		3								3
	Non-practising		1	21	1	8	1	1	20	7	32	92
Total Female			42	934	15	511	121	25	706	187	90	2,631
Male	General		32	766	15	500	152	57	599	227	58	2,406
	Non-practising		1	22		9			15	3	27	77
Total Male			33	788	15	509	152	57	614	230	85	2,483
Total			75	1,722	30	1,020	273	82	1,320	417	175	5,114

Percentage

Table 5.1 Registrants by Gender Percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	56%	54%	50%	50%	44%	30%	53%	45%	51%	51%
Male	44%	46%	50%	50%	56%	70%	47%	55%	49%	49%